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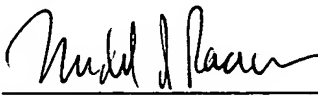
On July 9, 2004 the undersigned applicant's attorney filed Transmittal Letter to the US Designated Office (DO/EO/US) for the above-named application. The Return Receipt Postcard stamped with the serial number was received on July 22, 2004. Further, on August 31, 2004, the Declaration was filed and the Return Receipt Postcard stamped by the OIPE on September 03, 2004 was also received on September 10, 2004.

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